

Allusions Project

Allusions to the Bible, mythology, literature and art are a prominent part of our literary lives – in novels (fiction and non-fiction), newspapers, magazines, advertising, etc.. To ensure that you are prepared to identify the many allusions that you will encounter in your AP reading, this project has been devised. It covers allusions to the Bible, mythology, and literature, art and philosophy. I hope that you come away from this experience an expert on at least three different allusions and knowledgeable on numerous others.

For this assignment, you will be assigned to research and present one allusion from three different categories: the Bible, Mythology, and Literature/art/philosophy.

Presentations:

Visual: students must create a handout – appropriate and effective presentation of the material – that gives classmates the information necessary for them to understand the reference. The visual should include the following: summary of the reference, significance of the reference in regard to history, literature, and life, definition of any terms necessary, and any applications of the reference – where has the allusion occurred and how. Make enough copies for your entire class prior to the period.

Quiz Questions: For each allusion, students must create three multiple choice questions. These questions must address the important aspects of the allusion and be easily answerable from the information on the handout. The answers must be typed on a separate sheet, and placed at the bottom of the quiz.

Oral: students will orally present the information that is found on their handout – don't read directly off of the handout. Students should also present any information they deem important but that might not have made it onto the handout. Be ready to answer questions and clarify your handout material. Lastly, students may present a current/contemporary use of the allusion for extra credit.

Length: Presentations should be no longer than 3 to 5 minutes. Handouts should be no more than two pages (front and back is great!).

Evaluation of Presentations/Handout:

(a rubric will be given to you prior to your presentation date)

Handouts will be graded on the following criteria:

Clarity of content and presentation

Effectiveness of visual presentation

MLA FORMATTING

Quiz Questions

Presentations will be graded on the following criteria:

Opening/Closing

Content presentation

Organization



Allusions List

Bible

Moses
Story of Creation
Abraham and Isaac
Cain and Abel
The Prodigal Son
Lazarus
The Last Supper

Judas
The Crucifixion
The Resurrection
David and Goliath
Daniel in the Lion's Den
Jonah in the Belly of the Whale

Mythology

Cupid and Psyche
Orpheus and Eurydice
Daedalus and Icarus
Twelve Labors of Heracles
Persephone
Agamemnon
Achilles
Hector
Perseus

Theseus
River Styx
Jason and the Golden Fleece
Midas and the Golden Touch
Jason and Medea
Romulus and Remus
Pandora's Box

Literature/Arts/Philosophy

Divine Comedy
Paradise Lost
The Pilgrim's Progress
Antigone
Don Quixote
Don Juan
Faust
Seven deadly sins
King Arthur and Arthurian legend
Quest for the Holy Grail
Fountain of youth



Allusions Presentation Evaluation Sheet

Group Members: _____

Time: _____ **Allusions:** _____

Presentation:	Min.	Max.	Pts. given
Voice/Posture			
Interested	0	5	_____
Appropriate speed	0	5	_____
Clarity	0	5	_____
Appropriate volume	0	5	_____
Material			
Knowledge shown	0	5	_____
Error-Free	0	5	_____
Time			
Within 5 minutes	0	5	_____
Handout:			
Content			
Clear	0	10	_____
Complete(5 points each)	0	30	_____
Concise	0	10	_____
Grammar			
Error-Free	0	10	_____
Bibliography			
Reliable/credible	0	5	_____
MLA style used	0	10	_____
Effectiveness			
Clarity	0	10	_____
Applicable	0	10	_____
Enough copies for class	0	5	_____
Quiz Questions/Answers			
Appropriate measure	0	10	_____
Answers provided	0	5	_____
Total:	0	150	_____

Comments: